

NEWS RELEASE

Potato Acreage
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NORTH DAKOTA POTATO ACREAGE INCREASES

North Dakota

North Dakota potato planted acreage is estimated at 120,000 acres in 2002, up 2 percent from 2001, but down 3 percent from 2000, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage expected for harvest is 112,000, up 2 percent from last year.

Russets accounted for 44 percent of the total acreage, down from 47 percent last year. Whites increased to 37 percent of the total compared to 35 percent in 2001. Reds accounted for 19 percent of the total acres, up from 18 percent last year.

United States

Area planted to fall potatoes this year is estimated at 1.17 million acres, up 5 percent from last year but 4 percent below two years ago. Harvest is expected from 1.14 million acres, 5 percent above a year ago but 4 percent below 2000.

Russets accounted for 71 percent of the total acreage, down from 73 percent last year. Whites increased to 23 percent of the total compared to 21 percent last year. Reds accounted for 6 percent of the total acres, unchanged from last year.

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FALL POTATO ACRES PLANTED

STATE	ACRES PLANTED		PLANTED BY TYPE ^{1/}					
	2001	2002	Red		White		Russet	
			2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-- 1,000 --		-- Percent --					
North Dakota	118.0	120.0	18	19	35	37	47	44
Colorado	68.1	71.6	6	4	13	12	81	84
Idaho	370.0	395.0	1	1	5	4	94	95
Maine	62.0	64.0	4	4	60	59	36	37
Michigan	47.5	46.5	4	2	80	90	16	8
Minnesota	59.0	61.0	26	29	10	11	64	60
New York	23.5	22.5	---	---	100	100	---	---
Oregon	45.0	50.5	1	1	14	30	85	69
Pennsylvania	14.0	15.0	---	---	100	100	---	---
Washington	160.0	175.0	3	4	4	11	93	85
Wisconsin	84.0	85.0	11	11	29	33	60	56
Total - 11 Major States			6	6	21	23	73	71
United States	1,111.1	1,169.8	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of State's total.

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